

# House Study Bill 259

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SMITH)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to criteria under the medical assistance program  
2 for admission to a psychiatric medical institution for  
3 children.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 1568HC 83  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 135H.3, Code 2009, is amended by adding  
1 2 the following new unnumbered paragraph:  
1 3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. If a child is diagnosed with a  
1 4 biologically based mental illness as defined in section  
1 5 514C.22 and meets the medical assistance program criteria for  
1 6 admission to a psychiatric medical institution for children,  
1 7 the child shall be deemed to meet the acuity criteria for  
1 8 inpatient benefits under a group policy, contract, or plan  
1 9 providing for third-party payment or prepayment of health,  
1 10 medical, and surgical coverage benefits issued by a carrier,  
1 11 as defined in section 513B.2, or by an organized delivery  
1 12 system authorized under 1993 Iowa Acts, chapter 158, that is  
1 13 subject to section 514C.22.

1 14 EXPLANATION

1 15 This bill relates to the criteria under the medical  
1 16 assistance (Medicaid) program for a child's admission to a  
1 17 psychiatric medical institution for children (PMIC). The bill  
1 18 amends Code section 135H.3, relating to the nature of care in  
1 19 a PMIC. The amendment provides that if a child requires  
1 20 treatment for a biologically based mental illness and meets  
1 21 the Medicaid program criteria for PMIC admission, the child  
1 22 also meets the acuity criteria for inpatient benefits under  
1 23 various types of health care coverage. The term "biologically  
1 24 based mental illness" means the same as defined in Code  
1 25 section 514C.22, relating to health and accident insurance  
1 26 coverages for such illnesses.  
1 27 LSB 1568HC 83  
1 28 jp/rj/8